

REMARKS

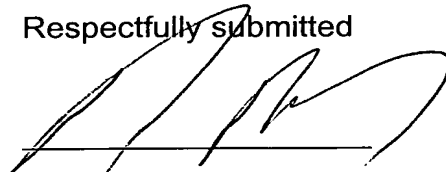
The specification has been amended to complete the references to related applications.

Claim 1 has been amended better to define the distinction between the claimed subject matter and products of nature.

Claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled. Other amendments have been made to meet the examiner's objections and rejections. It is, however, submitted that no amendment is required to claim 8 since the abbreviation "etc" was deleted in response to the previous action.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Richards", is written over a horizontal line.

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